

Washington

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FORBES, MANILA

Confidential. Harrison confirmed August 21st. The President

desires him to sail September 10th. Will it be convenient to have your resignation accepted September 1st? Harrison to accept and take oath of office September 2nd. The President desires to meet your convenience. Should Harrison take linen, silver, glass, china, and automobiles? What else would you suggest? Wife and children will accompany him. Please engage for him servants you leave.

MC INTYRE.

Following this *faux faus*, the announcement was cabled from Japan that the new Governor-General would appear at the ceremonies attendant on his arrival in a cut-away coat and silk hat. Great was the consternation among Manila officials who hastily resurrected top-hats and formal dress of ancient vintage from moth-balls and funeral-parlors. Anxiety was relieved when the reception committee dared to greet His Excellency attired in the plain white linen of the tropics.

On Harrison's arrival, the political guillotine was quickly put in commission, and official heads fell right and left. Undeterred by the cries of anguish or the obstacles put in his way, the Governor-General steadfastly carried out his policy of preparing the Islands for independence. Under such conditions it was to be expected that from Americans in the Islands Governor-General Harrison would receive very little support. To the same extent he became a prime favorite with the Filipinos.

The balm of time has healed to a marked extent the raw sore of the local American colony's antagonism toward

Governor-General Harrison. Many Americans
now acknowledge that they are able to see more clearly his
purposes. They
also now comprehend the necessity for the
maintenance of